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Starvation Wages.

[From the New York Tribune.]

A young man employed, we believe, as book keeper in a large dry goods house in Philadelphia, was arrested a short time ago on a charge of robbing his employer. He had been in the habit of carrying off silks, etc., and pawing them, until the amount reached was so considerable as to be detected. The young man confessed his guilt, and as his family was respectable, a compromise was effected, the stolen goods returned, and the prisoner allowed to escape without other punishment than the disgrace of having been convicted of felony. This is a commonplace matter enough; the gist of it lies in the fact that, although the salesman held a most respectable position, and was not only by birth and habit a gentleman, but had proven himself an efficient business man, he received a salary of only three dollars per week. In order to live, he stated frankly, that he was driven to steal. Nor is this pittance of wages an exceptional case, either in this city or in Philadelphia. The streets are crowded with lads of from fifteen to twenty years of age, utterly without means, cursed with too genteel birth to earn their living as mechanics, eager to get into the grooves of business life, and frequently with capacity to succeed if once placed in them. They are taken into business establishments as under clerks, and usually worked hard and paid pitiable salaries.

Of course the obvious remedy is for these boys to avoid the cities. There is no need for them all to become farmers, though that is our usual prescription for this evil. But all western and many of the inland eastern villages offer higher inducements and more certain success. The employers very likely wash their hands in innocence in this matter with the inevitable casuistry about the law of supply and demand. One of the largest merchants in Philadelphia, a man eminent in all benevolent enterprises and Young Men's Christian Associations, refuses to pay more than three dollars per week to his assistant book keepers, asserting that he turns away applicants daily who would be glad to take that price, and that any boy who for the sake of gentility prefers to starve keeping books when he could earn five times as much as a journeyman mechanic, is a fool. All of which is true enough. But on

the other hand, the man, philanthropist or otherwise, who gets a full week's work out of his drudge and pays him a pittance which he knows will not feed him, much less clothe him, simply puts a premium on theft, and if it is his cash box that suffers, we are not surprised, nor is it to him our sympathy is given.

Captain Colvocoresses.

The brave, old tar, Captain Colvocoresses, who was brutally murdered at Bridgeport, was during the late war, in command of the little sloop of war St. Marys, which comprised nearly all the effective force of the usually powerful Pacific Squadron. He chanced to be on duty at Valparaiso when that port was menaced by a powerful Squadron under the command of Admiral Pinzon, and was exceedingly active in his efforts to protect the rights and property of the American citizens. For his success, as well as for a famous correspondence with the Spanish Admiral, he will be long remembered there. Somewhat inexplicably, he sailed in one morning from a short cruise outside, and anchored the St. Marys directly in front of the business portion of the city, and between it and the iron clad ships of the Spaniards. Pinzon saw the awkwardness of the situation, and in a characteristically arrogant note informed him that he had better move his corvette, as he intended to bombard the place, and would not be answerable for any damages that might result. This roused the ire of the Greek, and he hastened to inform the Spanish Admiral, in language that was a model of explicitness and force, that the St. Marys was anchored to his perfect satisfaction, and would remain where she was, and added further:

"In the event of a bombardment of the city, I beg, you, sir, to have a care that none of your shot touch the hull of the St. Marys. I am perfectly aware of the weakness of my corvette in comparison with the powerful squadron of her most Catholic Majesty now blockading the port, but I beg, sir, to remind you that the flag that floats at her peak represents 3,000 guns on the sea."

The correspondence was printed in the Spanish papers, and, besides creating the greatest enthusiasm for the plucky Captain, rather opened the eyes of the Chilenos to the tremendous force of our navy at the time. But his action subsequently caused him no little inconvenience, for whenever he showed himself on shore he found himself immediately surrounded by a crowd of enthusiastic citizens who attributed the immunity of their city for a long time afterward to his refusal, and who made the hills ring with their vivas for the "brave Americano."

COMING BACK ON HIM.—When J. R. Doolittle of Wisconsin, left the Republican party, Horace Greeley said this of him:

Able, adroit, and early schooled in the arts of the self-seeking politician, he has for years done his level best, against the party which he so honored and trusted him. He worked like a beaver, with tongue and pen, to defeat General Grant, and his labors were crowned with the largest Republican vote and the most sweeping Republican victory ever realized in Wisconsin. We believe the majority there would have been twenty thousand had he remained faithful; it was swelled to twenty-four thousand one hundred and fifty-two by the intensity of the popular detestation of Doolittle, his works and his ways.

The Milwaukee, Wis., Sentinel adds: The same "popular detestation" that was then felt in this State for Doolittle is now felt for Greeley.

AN EXTENSIVE FARMER.—An exchange says: "The Stanislaus county News of June 28th says: As an index to the extent of agricultural productions of our valley, we need only state that we have no one farmer in our midst whose bill of expenses for the one item of sacks alone, in which to sack his crop of the present year, is estimated to be \$30,000. This unpretending, plain citizen is John Mitchell, Esq., of our county, who has sown grain the present year on his own lands 36,000 acres. The question presents itself—is not Mr. Mitchell the greatest wheat producer in the world? If not, where is the man who excels him? If there can be any one individual farmer found who surpasses him, we believe that next year Mr. Mitchell would go him many acres better, as he has yet thousands of acres in our valley uncultivated that will be ready for the plow."

Wholesome Rules.

1—Never incur a liability that you do not clearly see your way to meet.

2—Never upon any account, endorse a note for a friend, unless either he gives you ample security, or you can afford to pay it, should your friend do so. More men have been ruined by endorsing for others than in any other way. Many of the best business men, now-a-days, utterly refuse to endorse for any one, and this is by far the best plan—except in certain instances.

3—Never fail to pay a debt upon the very day you have promised, and upon no account ever let your note be protested—if you can help it.

4—Never allow yourself to be dunned twice for a bill. If you are not prepared to pay it when first presented fix a day when you will certainly pay it, and fail not to be ready with the money when the day comes. By observing these rules your credit will soon come to be ranked as A No. 1, and you will always be able to command the best bargains, because, as the people say, "you are as good as the bank."

5—Never have money "laying round loose," or carry much with you or keep much on hand in your house. People will find out your habits in this regard and people will talk, and the first thing you know a professional "cracksman" will pay you a visit.

6—When a sum of money is received, invest it, first by paying any debts you owe, second by securing everything you need, either for your family or farm, and third if not required for either of these purposes, loan it out on good securities.

7—Beware of owning too much unproductive real estate. The taxes make this an unprofitable investment.

8—Invest in no enterprise that you cannot to some extent look after yourself, or which you do not fully understand. Much capital is every year foisted away by investment in concerns managed by tricky or impracticable men, which never pay a dividend, and sooner or later are sold out to pay the debts that have overwhelmed them.

9—Beware of speculation. It is only gambling by another name, and the person indulging in it is far more likely to lose ten dollars in it than to make one.

10—If you should be in debt for your homestead, or indeed for any property, insure your life for an amount sufficient to pay the debt, should you unexpectedly drop off, and thus avoid the possibility of your heirs losing the whole property, through inability to pay on the claims against it.

11—Never permit your expenses, in the course of a year, to exceed your income. Bankruptcy is the natural result.

12 Never go to law without the greatest reasons. It is a game that both sides get hurt at, and the chances are only about one in three that you will get what you will consider justice.

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THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.—Bro. Smith, what does this mean?

What does that mean? Bringing a nigger to this church. The pew is my own. Your own? Is that any reason why you should insult the whole congregation? But he is intelligent and well educated.

Who cares for that? He's a nigger. But he is a friend of mine. What of that? Must you insult the whole congregation? But he is a Christian and belongs to the same denomination.

What do I care for that? Let him go and worship with his fellow niggers.

But he is worth five million dollars. Worth what? Five million dollars.

Worth five million dollars? Jerusalem! Bro. Smith, introduce me.

Bishop Whitehouse, recently undertook to illustrate a point in his sermon by telling his congregation how he had once been lost on the prairies of Illinois, and had wandered a long time, weary and hopeless. At last he saw a light, and he made his way toward it shouting for help. "Just as I thought I could go no further," said the Bishop, "and was about sinking down in despair, the door of a cabin opened before me, and the long looked for succor came." The unintentional pun brought the house down.

"All Hands Below."

A good story is told of a parrot, who had always lived on board a ship, but who escaped at one of the southern ports, and took refuge in a church. Soon afterward the congregation assembled, and the minister began preaching to them, in a regular red-hot fashion, saying that there was no virtue in them, that every one of them would go to hell, unless they speedily repented. Just as he spoke the sentence, out spoke the parrot from his hiding-place:

"All hands below!"

To say that "all hands" were startled, would be but a mild way of putting it. The peculiar voice, from its unknown source, had much more effect upon them than the parson's voice ever had. He waited a moment, and then, a shade or two paler, he repeated the warning.

"All hands below!" Again rang out from somewhere.

The preacher started from his pulpit, and looked anxiously around, inquiring if anybody had spoken.

"All hands below!" was the only reply, at which the entire panic-stricken congregation got up and a moment after they all bolted for the doors, the preacher trying his best to be first, and during the time, the mischievous bird kept up his yelling:

"All hands below!"

There was an old woman there, who was lame, and could not get out so fast as the rest, and in a very short time, she was left entirely alone. Just as she was about to bobble out, the parrot flew down, and alighting on her shoulder, yelled in her ear:

"All hands below!"

"No, no, Mister Devil," shrieked the old woman; "you can't mean me. I don't belong here. I go to the other church, across the way!"

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCES.—Here is another singular coincidence. An Orange county, N. Y., man cut off his forefinger with an ax. What makes this accident a curious one, says a local paper, is that his father met with precisely the same accident when about the same age. It is wonderful how accidents run in same families—how they are hereditary, as it were. We once knew a man who knocked his head against a door, and that man's son was ever after afflicted with trouble of the head.

He was continually running it against some other boy's fist, and the amount of court plaster which was used on his scalp, the number of keys which were put on his back to stop the flow of blood from his nose, and the quantities of oysters which were applied to his eyes to reduce the swelling, were appalling to contemplate. We also knew another family in which accidents were hereditary. A lady gave birth to a female child when she was fifteen years seven months and nine days old, and that female child was afflicted in the same way at the same age—the only difference of account in this singular coincidence being that the child this time was a boy, so the accident cannot well be repeated.

An individual named Matlock, a resident of Douglas county, has written a letter to the New York Tribune, saying that Oregon was carried in June by fraud, and that Greeley will carry the vote of the state by one thousand in November. Mr. Matlock must have the trick of prophecy, since he has been a citizen of Oregon but a short time, and cannot possibly know from observation anything about the politics of the State. Just before the recent election in this State he appeared in the Republican Convention soliciting the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for the Second Judicial District. He was not nominated, and went home a "Liberal Republican." He "elected" himself a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention, and sent his proxy by Jasper Johnson, telling his neighbors in Douglas county that he hoped to find a more "generous" party than the one which had meanly refused to nominate him for office.—So says the Oregonian.

SENSIBLE ADVICE.—A great many boys, as well as men, complain that they cannot get employment. Perhaps you cannot get such a place as you like, but when you get a place, make yourself useful in it; make yourself necessary by your fidelity and good behavior, that they cannot do without you. Be content with a low price at first, no matter what the price is, if it is honest work. Do it well—do it the very best you can. Begin at the very lowest round of the ladder, and climb up. The great want anywhere is faithful capable workers. They are never a drug in the market. Make yourself one of these, and there will always be a place for you, and a good one, too.

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